

Carry The House Democrats' final budget required \$360 million in tax increases, all to pay for \$460 million in unnecessary

new spending. ??

Rep. Jack Cairnes Special Session Alert!

Special session debate: Taxes or no taxes?

The 2003 legislative session ended on April 27, but lawmakers must return to Olympia for a special session to complete work on the state's two-year operating budget.

A responsible plan to balance the state budget without tax increases was in place weeks before the session ended. It was an approach supported by Republicans in both the House and Senate, and endorsed by the governor.

But the no-new-tax budget was blocked by Democrats in the House, who fought to the end for tax increases to fund \$460 million in unnecessary new spending. They rejected an alternative plan offered by House Republicans that would increase education funding and give more protection for our most vulnerable citizens – without increasing taxes!

So on May 12, a special session of the Legislature convene in Olympia to settle this issue: Will the budget be balanced without new taxes or will new taxes be passed to increase state spending?

I believe tax increases are unnecessary and will remain committed to adopting a fiscally responsible budget that makes government live within its means, just as you and I must do at home or work.

State budget proposals being considered in Olympia: Governor's Plan Senate's Plan **House Republican Plan** House Democrat Plan Requires Requires Requires equires a \$360 million no new no new no new taxes taxes taxes tax increase

I'd like to hear from you...

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